



PUBLIC MEETING FOR UNITED WAMBO PROJECT RESCHEDULED

12 December 2018

A public meeting in Singleton to hear the community's views on the Wambo United Open Cut Coal Mine and associated modifications has been postponed until the new year.

Mr Geoff Sharrock, a Commissioner from the Independent Planning Commission Panel considering the state significant development application, this morning advised the Chair of the Commission, Professor Mary O'Kane AC, of a conflict of interest issue and immediately stood down from the case.

He had replaced Professor Alice Clark on the Panel after she resigned due to a separate issue.

Due to the significance of the case, the Commission has decided to postpone today's public meeting until a new Commissioner can be appointed.

The public meeting will be rescheduled for February 2019 to give the community an opportunity to present their views to a reconstituted Panel.

A meeting with Singleton Shire Council today and a site inspection tomorrow have also been postponed.

The Commission is strongly committed to sound governance and has strict policies in place to manage personal interests and conflict of interests matters.

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